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Happy New Year!

from Board President Estelle Cooperman

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2002! Make your New Year's resolution to visit the Library more often and to take advantage of its many services! There's something for everyone at the Morton Grove Public Library – at any time of year. You'll find thousands of new books, CDs, DVDs and other materials, and you can get a list of the items tailored to your particular interests by using MatchBook, a unique service offered by the Morton Grove Public Library. Listed in the pages of this newsletter are some of the wonderful programs and services available to you.

P. Seth Magosky and Kathleen King as John Wilkes Booth and Mary E. Surratt

The Conspiracy of 1865: A Historical Journey

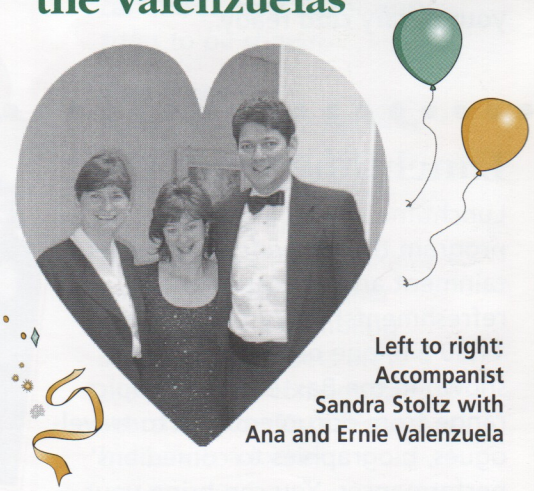
Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 pm

Step back in time as P. Seth Magosky and Kathleen King bring to life the characters of John Wilkes Booth and Mary E. Surratt in a presentation that will change the way you look at America's first presidential assassination. Throughout the presentation, Magosky and King incorporate letters written by Booth and Surratt. Their portrayals and conversations are based on transcripts of the conspiracy trial and the written accounts of people who knew and/or resided with Booth or Surratt. Magosky and King conclude with an epilogue discussing the results and repercussions of the assassination, giving new angles on old theories. This program is co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Historical Society and the Morton Grove Public Library. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited; reservations are required. **Beginning January 17 call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk to make your reservation.**

Try Out the New Computers

The Library is pleased to announce the availability of new, faster computers for public use: a Children's Internet station on the lower level, and two computers, both with laser printers, for word processing and other non-Internet use on the first floor. You can sign up to use any of these computers during Library hours; call 965-4220 for information about scheduling computer time.

Valentine Concert by the Valenzuelas



Left to right: Accompanist Sandra Stoltz with Ana and Ernie Valenzuela

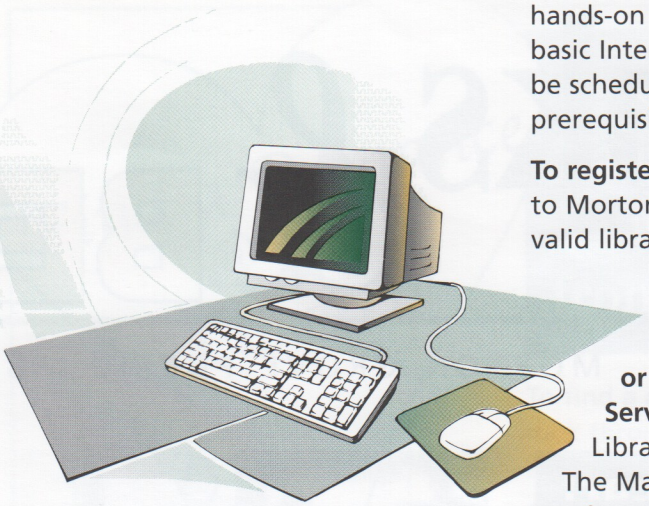
Join us **Sunday, February 10, at 2:00 pm**, when Ana and Ernie Valenzuela sing romantic melodies from favorite musicals in a pre-Valentine's Day concert. Enjoy the melodies and lyrics of favorite songs from hits such as *Rose Marie, Camelot, Phantom of the Opera* and many more. Seating is limited. **Beginning January 7, make your reservations by calling 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.**

Introduction to Computers: A Class in Two Parts

Saturday, February 16 and February 23, at 10:00 am

Jennifer Didier, of Knowledge Alliance, presents an *Introduction to Computers* class in two parts, on **February 16 and 23, at 10:00 am**. The first session will include a discussion of different types of personal computers on the market today, the information flow process, components of a computer, and categories of hardware and software. The second session will include monitors, printers, scanners and modems as well as an overview of the Internet and the uses of a PC in a business environment.

This class is limited to 100 participants. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified by phone if there is space available. **Registration begins January 14; please call 965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk. Have your library card ready.**



Basic Internet

Saturday, March 2, at 2:00 pm

This presentation will cover a brief history of the Internet, basic terminology, and the scope of information available on the Internet. Using a projected image on the auditorium screen, participants will visit a variety of useful and interesting Internet sites using Netscape.

Those who attend this introductory lecture and demonstration will be eligible to register for an individual, hands-on tutoring session covering basic Internet navigational skills to be scheduled later in March (see prerequisites below).

To register: This free class is open to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card and is limited to 50 participants. **Registration begins February 4; please call 965-4220 to register or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.** Please have your Library card ready. **Prerequisites**: The March 2nd lecture requires no previous computer or Internet experience and is considered **beginning level.** The follow-up tutoring sessions are considered **intermediate level** and require sufficient previous hands-on computer experience so that the student is comfortable with basic computer skills such as the mouse (movement, clicking, etc.), menus and buttons. Patrons signed up for the Basic Internet Class who have questions about meeting the prerequisites, should contact the instructor, Susan McGowan, Morton Grove Public Library Reference Coordinator.

Lunchtime Videos

Lunchtime Videos is a weekly program that provides both entertainment and education, plus refreshments! Every Tuesday at 11:30 am, one or two videos are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues, biographies to comedians' performances. You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee. Once a month, there is a special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events and a drawing for three door prizes. Pictured are some of the people who celebrated Halloween and Thanksgiving with Lunchtime Videos at the Morton Grove Public Library.

Book Discussion Groups

From January through July, **Thinking Out Loud** (TOL) meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm, in the Board Room. TOL does not meet in August, November and December. Upcoming books to be discussed are:

January 22: *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier. Griet, a young Protestant working as a maid in the Vermeer home, secretly becomes Vermeer's studio assistant and model. Chevalier deftly illustrates the artistic process and historical and religious events in 17th century Delft, a small Dutch city.

February 26: *Falling Leaves* by Adeline Yen Mah. Mah's memoir describes the severe emotional abuse of her childhood as the youngest child of a wealthy Chinese father and a cruel and manipulative Eurasian stepmother. Mah tells how her struggle for independence led her to England and eventually to the U.S. to become a doctor and writer.

All Booked Up: Beginning in January, All Booked Up will change its meeting date to the third Thursday of each month, at 10 am. All Booked Up does not meet in July, November, and December. Books to be discussed are:

January 17: *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende. Eliza leaves her home in Chile in search of her lover, who has set out for the California Gold Rush. What she finds instead is adversity and adventure and, through her own resourcefulness, a journey to independence and freedom.

February 21: *Personal History* by Katherine Graham. Graham's memoir is an extraordinarily frank and honest book about her parents, the *Washington Post*, her husband's spiral into manic-depression, and her own triumphs.

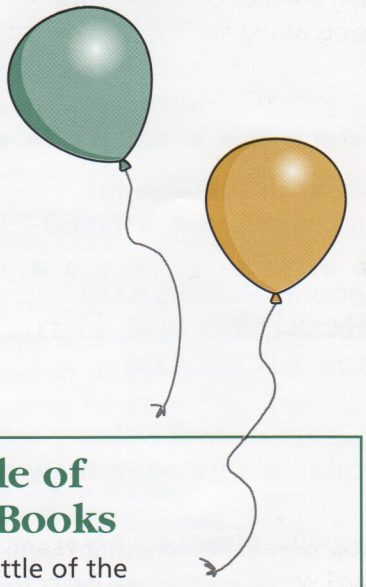
Babysitting Basics

Officer Paul Yaras of the Morton Grove Police Department with graduates of the November Babysitting Basics class at the Library. The next Babysitting Basics class will meet in May; watch for details in the next issue of *Books & Beyond.*

Wayne Francis and Friends: World of Wonder

Saturday, February 16, at 2:00 pm

Ventriloquist Wayne Francis and his multi-cultural group of "friends" will entertain all ages with vocal magic and comedy. This unusual, fast-paced show includes rope-spinning, music, and lots of audience participation. **Beginning January 28, make your reservations by calling 965-4220 or stopping by the Children's Desk.**



Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books for seventh and eighth graders will begin in late February. Teams from several area schools plan to participate. Meets for fourth, fifth and sixth graders took place in November and December. Final scores were: Park View 372, Jerusalem Lutheran 351, East Prairie 263, and Golf 185.

La Bamba: Latin American Journey with Nelson Sosa

Saturday, January 19, 2:00 pm

Sosa, a native of Chile, has been singing and performing in the United States since the 1970s. With his guitar and a variety of percussion instruments, Sosa leads his audience on a captivating and entertaining journey through the sounds and rhythms of Latin America. Clap and sing along with this lively Latin musical production. Seating is limited.

Beginning January 2, make your reservations by calling 965-4220 or stopping by the Children's Desk.

Songs from the Prairieland With Patti Ecker

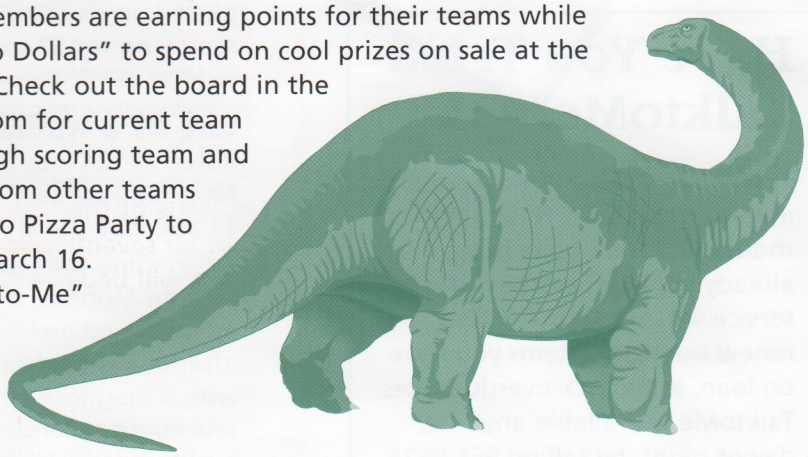
Saturday, February 2, at 2:00 pm

Folk singer Patti Ecker will take children of all ages on a musical tour of Illinois history. She'll explore the legends and traditions of the Prairie State through folk songs and stories utilizing guitar, banjo, and many musical surprises. Ms. Ecker has appeared at the Old Town School of Music, numerous Illinois schools and other area venues. Seating is limited.

Beginning January 14, make your reservations by calling 965-4220 or stopping by the Children's Desk.

Read for the Dinosaur Derby!

Dino Team members are earning points for their teams while earning "Dino Dollars" to spend on cool prizes on sale at the "Dino Digs." Check out the board in the Children's Room for current team scores. The high scoring team and top readers from other teams will win a Dino Pizza Party to be held on March 16. "Dino "Read-to-Me" participants are turning in their Book Logs and choosing prizes from the Dino Box. Every other Saturday, two names are drawn in a raffle for gift certificates from Barnes & Noble and Toys R Us. The contest ends on March 9.



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Webster is the Children's Department mascot! Webster appears on the Children's Department website and in other Library publications.

Children's Classes

Winter session will begin the week of Jan. 7, 2002. Enrollment is limited and begins December 17. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents will be put on a waiting list and notified by phone if there is space available. Winter classes end the week of February 25.

Library Playtime

for 2-Year-Olds & Parents

Thursday 10:30 am

Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3 - Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):

Wednesday 10:00 am

Thursday 6:45 pm

Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2

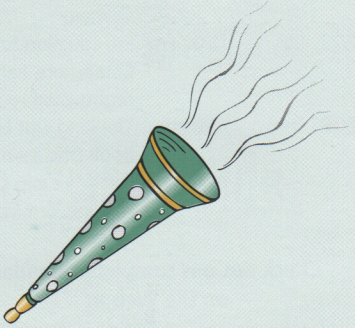
Monday 7:00 pm

Class limit – 12

Special Events

Seating is limited; registration is required

1/19	Sat.	2 pm	*La Bamba:* registration begins 1/2
2/2	Sat.	2 pm	*Songs from the Prairieland with Patti Ecker:* registration begins 1/14
2/16	Sat.	2 pm	*Wayne Francis and Friends: World of Wonder:* registration begins 1/28



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January

1/1	Tues.	Closed for New Year's Day	
1/8	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
1/9	Wed.	1:00 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden
1/10	Thur.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
1/14	Mon.	11:00 am, 2:30 pm, & 7:00	Feature Film: *Rat Race* Rated PG-13; 112 min.
1/15	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
1/17	Thurs.	10:00 am	All Booked Up Discussion: *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende
1/19	Sat.	2:00 pm	*La Bamba Latin American Journey:* reservations required
1/22	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
1/29	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion: *Girl with a Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier
1/29	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos

February

2/2	Sat.	2:00 pm	Patti Ecker *Songs from Prairieland*: reservations required
2/5	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
2/10	Sun..	2:00 pm	Valentine Concert with the Valenzuelas: registration required
2/11	Mon.	11:00 am, 2:30 pm, & 7:00	Feature Film: *Life as a House;* Rated R; 124 min.
2/12	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
2/13	Wed.	1:00 pm	Low Vision Book Discussion: *Prodigal Summer* by Barbara Kingsolver
2/14	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
2/16	Sat.	10:00 am	Introduction to Computers, Part 1: registration required
2/16	Sat.	2:00 pm	Wayne Francis, Ventriloquist: registration required
2/17	Sun..	2:00 pm	The Conspiracy and Assassination of 1865: John Wilkes Booth and Mary Surratt: reservations required
2/19	Tues.	11:30 am	Lunchtime Videos
2/21	Thurs.	10:00 am	All Booked Up Discussion of *Personal History* by Katherine Graham
2/23	Sat.	10:00 am	Introduction to Computers, Part 2: registration required
2/26	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud Book Discussion of *Falling Leaves* by Adeline Yen Mah

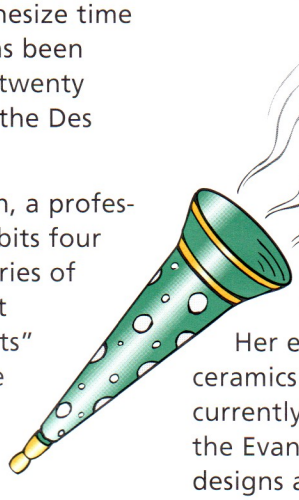
Check out our complete calendar on the Web at www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

Exhibits @your library™

Baxter Room: In January, Raymond Brod, a cartographer with the Anthropology/Geography Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago, exhibits his paintings of Chicago neighborhoods and nostalgic scenes that synthesize time and emotions. Dr. Brod has been painting in oils for about twenty years and is a member of the Des Plaines Art Guild.

In February, Wendy Jordan, a professional photographer, exhibits four collections of photos: a series of "street photography" that began in Europe, "portraits" of trees that seem to have human qualities or personalities, photos of New Mexico and the Southwest and portraits of children and families.

Lincoln Avenue Entry: In January, Shawn Bourland exhibits his metal sculptures in the display case. You can see more examples of his artwork on his website: www.metallon-art.com.



In February, Silvia Schmelzer displays her original metal and stone jewelry designs. Ms. Schmelzer was born in Argentina and moved to the U.S. thirty years ago. Her early art studies were in ceramics and enameling and is currently attending master classes at the Evanston Art Center where she designs and fabricates jewelry in silver, brass, gold and other metals.

Have You Tried TalktoMe?

The debut of TalktoMe in August made a big splash! Nearly one thousand library users have already taken advantage of this service which enables you to renew books, list items you have on loan, and check overdue fines. TalktoMe is available anytime, day or night, by calling 965-9575. Be sure to have your Library card ready.

FILMS

Note: Feature films are subject to change. Please call the Library to confirm titles to be shown.

Rat Race
Rated PG-13; 112 minutes
Monday, January 14
11 am, 2:30 pm & 7 pm

Rat Race is a broad comedy about a billionaire Las Vegas casino owner who sets up a gambling scheme where bets are placed on six competitors searching for $2 million hidden in a locker.

Life As a House
Rated R; 124 minutes
Monday, February 11
11 am, 2:30 pm & 7 pm

Kevin Kline stars as George Monroe, a bitter, unemployed architect who, after being confronted with a diagnosis of cancer, sets about reconstructing his lifestyle by building his dream house on a cliff at Malibu.

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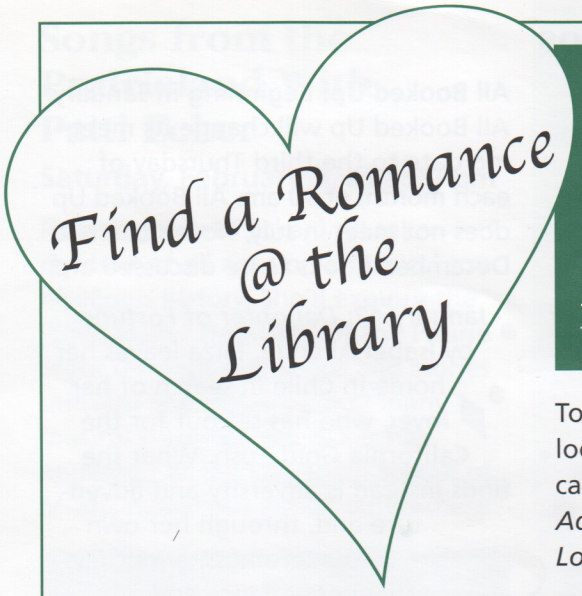

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Help from the Library

Plan a romantic Valentine's Day with help in many forms from the Library:

Check out CDs such as *My Romance: An Evening with Jim Brickman* or *For the One You Love: The World's Favorite Romantic Melodies*. Watch a DVD or video of the movie *Chocolat, Save the Last Dance*, or one of the many films available at the Library.

To find a romantic novel, take a look through the reference book called *The Romance Readers' Advisory: The Librarian's Guide to Love in the Stacks.*

Or, if you want to create an edible valentine, check out cookbooks such as: *The Ultimate Candy Book: More Than 700 Quick and Easy, Soft and Chewy, Hard and Crunchy Sweets and Treats* by Bryce Weinstein, *Chocolate Snowball and Other Fabulous Pastries from Deer Valley Bakeries* by Latty H. Flatt, *Hershey's Chocolate for Every Season* by the Hershey Chocolate Co., or *Perfect Pies* by Martha Day.

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